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Dear Mr. Lawrence:

**AUTHORIZATION BASIS AMENDMENT REQUEST, ABAR-W375-99-0005**

On the basis of the enclosed safety evaluation, the DOE Regulatory Unit approves Authorization Basis Amendment Request, ABAR-W375-99-00005 to the Integrated Safety Management Plan (ISMP) of the River Protection Project-Privatization (RPP-P). The amendment is in response to your application dated May 21, 1999.

The amendment revises ISMP, Section 3.3.1.8. The revised Section 3.3.1.8 states that only the parts of the HAR that address significant or bounding hazard evaluations are considered part of the authorization basis. Before the amendment, the entire HAR was considered a part of the authorization basis. By limiting the portions of the HAR included in the authorization basis, the ISMP amendment effectively reduces the requirement to maintain the HAR current as the facility design progresses. The amendment is limited to the version of the HAR that was submitted during Part A of the RPP-P Contract. The amendment does not apply to subsequent versions of the HAR that will be in use during construction and operation of the RPP-P facility.

As part of the amendment implementation process, please submit within 14 days of receipt of this letter the revised page(s) of the ISMP and an ISMP revision page identifying all ISMP revisions to date. This amendment is effective immediately and shall be fully implemented within 30 days (i.e., the provisions of the amendment may be used immediately; within 30 days, controlled copies of the ISMP and subordinate documents will be modified to reflect the changes associated with this amendment).

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Nothing in this letter should be construed as changing the Contract (DE-AC06-96RL13308). If you have any questions please, contact me or George Kalman of my staff on (509) 372-0652.

Sincerely,

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